

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

Claim 8 has been revised to delete the reference to "n".

Claims 9-12, 24 and 26-28 have been cancelled without prejudice.

This application is submitted to be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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